



**CITY OF BURLINGTON
BOARD OF HEALTH**

645 Pine Street, Ste. A | PO Box 849
Burlington, VT 05402-0849

PHONE: (802) 863-0442

FAX: (802) 652-4221

BOARD OF HEALTH

Caroline Tassey, APRN Interim Chair; Mary D. Hart, RN; Julie Hathaway, MD, PhD; Celia Bird, APRN, Ian McHale, MPH;

HEALTH OFFICER

William Ward, Director of Permitting & Inspections

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF
BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH**

Zoom Conference

Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Attending: *Caroline Tassey, William Ward, Celia Bird, Mary Hart, Julie Hathaway, Celeste Crowley*

Absent:

Meeting called to order by Interim Chair Tassey at 6:33 PM

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Approvals: a. Agenda b. Approval of May Minutes	a. June Agenda – Approved with change to item 4; remove Kim Ianelli add Celeste Crowley b. May Minutes – Approve as written	Mary motioned, Celia 2 nd . ~Approved Julie motioned, Mary 2 nd . ~Approved
2. Public Forum	We had one member of the public joining us to observe the Board of Health. He is interested in becoming a BOH board member.	
3. Pesticide Applications and Products a. BPRW – Bike Path at Harrison Avenue b. Global Companies	a. Burlington Parks & Rec Dan Cahill and Bob Hayms joined the meeting to continue the discussion of how to eradicate the knotweed on the bike path at Harrison Avenue. As mentioned in last month's meeting the rehab of that section of the bike path caused the knotweed to spread into the new infrastructure, compromising the integrity of the work done. The BPRW Department is currently using mechanical means of keeping the knotweed	

	<p>from spreading even further into the infrastructure of the bike path. It has slowed the spreading for now but is not an effective long term solution. Chemical eradication will be the best way to save the Burlington residents from having to pay for another rehab of this section.</p> <p>All parties involved take the lake health very seriously and will use the least amount of herbicide as possible to eradicate the knotweed.</p> <p>Through the discussion it was realized that the railroad company has been maintaining the knotweed on their right of way. However, the herbicide company has found that their method is not being done properly and therefore is not as effective as it could or should be.</p> <p>With the railroad right of way and their methodology for keeping the knotweed in control, the Board of Health would like to see a discussion and hopes for collaboration with the Railroad. This would allow the City of Burlington to treat this invasive knotweed with the least amount of herbicide but giving the best results.</p> <p>Therefore, the BOH has motioned for BPRW continue with the mechanical method at Harrison, denying the application.</p> <p>There was a second motion; for the Director of Permitting & Inspections and Town Health Officer to reach out to the Railroad company to obtain information of their herbicide methods and possible collaboration on eradicating the knotweed on the bike path at Harrison Ave.</p> <p>b. Global Companies; 2 Flynn Avenue</p> <p>They are applying for pesticide use to maintain the integrity of emergency berms in place to catch and hold liquid in case of leaking. Any liquid that leaks out of the berm is a high risk to the lake.</p>	<p>Julie motioned; Mary 2nd, All in Favor. Application denied.</p> <p>Celia motioned; Mary 2nd, All in Favor. Motion passed.</p>
--	--	--

	The BOH motioned to accept Global Companies request to use pesticide according to the application submitted.	Mary motioned; Julie 2 nd . All in favor. Application approved.
4. Reappointment of Town Health Officers a. Patti Wehman b. Steve Cormier c. Celeste Crowley	The Board of Health motioned to accept the reappointment of the Town Health Officers.	Celia motioned; Julie 2 nd . All in favor. Motion passed.
5. Chair Report a. Marijuana Card b. Hepatitis A	a. Marijuana Card; The card information will be made into a flyer that will be handed out with the Parks & Rec visitor packets. b. No updates or discussion regarding Hepatitis A.	
6. Eradicating Systemic Racism	The Board is going to review Ian's files and the topics discussed in FY21, then put together their goals for Eradicating Systemic Racism in the coming year. Caroline will be volunteering at the Juneteenth celebration this year. She will be helping at the shuttle station.	
7. Emerging Issues	Julie was approached by a resident regarding a neighbor's house painting project. The resident wasn't seeing best practices being used when scraping/sanding the home in preparation for new paint. This brought up a few questions; how do we know if a company is following the best practices guidelines, what are those requirements. It lead to a general discussion of the board members needing information and/or training on what to look for when a painting complaint is presented to them. What the ordinance is and what information does the Lead Program provide to those needing lead paint assistance.	
8. Budget Items a. Donation to AALV	a. A motion was made to donate \$600 to the African Americans Living in Vermont organization (AALV) from the Board of Health.	Celia motioned; Mary 2 nd . All in favor. Motioned passed.

9. Public Outreach / Communications a. Front Porch Forum b. Mask Handout Events	a. Front Porch Forum; Ideas are needed for the next FPF post. Suggestions around the topic; Summer Awareness, should be sent to Celeste or Caroline. b. Mask Handout Events – This item is being removed from the BOH agenda.	
10. Next Meeting	To be determined. Some Board members will be on vacation in July. Alternative dates are being researched.	Meet via Zoom
11. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm	Mary motioned, Julie 2 nd .